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**Happiness, God, and Man**

Christoph Schönborn

2010-01-01

All human beings want to be happy. The longing for happiness does not have to be learned; it is innate. And it can hardly be unlearned, for we never simply acquiesce in unhappiness. Christian faith, the Christian way of life, and the imitation of Christ are
understood to be signposts pointing the way to happiness. Upon this depends their credibility and their attractiveness. Cardinal Schonborn talks about man's happiness, small and great, about happiness as it is supposed to be and as it is discovered. He explains what it means to say that all human beings are created for happiness. His writings are centered on meditations about happiness and about love and friendship as well. Yet the Archbishop of Vienna also discusses the essential questions of faith, including reflections on the Name of God as seen in Scripture, on dealing with the tragedies of modern times, on consolation for the sorrowful and on the spiritual roots of western civilization. In addition he discusses the importance of literature, and how it addresses the deeper questions about life, as demonstrated in his literary discussions of the works of C. S. Lewis, Gertrud von Le Fort and William Shakespeare. He shows how their works give witness to a happiness that overcomes all darkness through suffering, trials and especially forgiveness.

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**Beyond the Torn Veil** G.S. Fernandez 2021-05-26 This book is intended to help open the eyes of the reader to see what Jesus taught in a way they have probably never seen before. Throughout the book the reader is pointed to the power of belief and to evaluate whether Christianity today really lives up to its name as followers of what Jesus really taught.

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Jesus in the Eyes of His Followers Petr Pokorný 1998 Describes the various early Christologies which competed and intermingled for two or three centuries after the death of Jesus. The text considers were they came from, what happened to them, how they influenced the shape of the New Testament, and how they were supplanted by or incorporated into the resurrection/exaltation Christology of today.

Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus Lois Tverberg 2018-01-02 What would it be like for modern readers to sit down beside Jesus as he explained the Bible to them? What life-changing insights might emerge from such a transformative encounter? Lois Tverberg knows the treasures that await readers willing to learn how to read the Bible through Jewish eyes. By helping
them understand the Bible as Jesus and his first-century listeners would have, she bridges the gaps of time and culture in order to open the Bible to readers today. Combining careful research with engaging prose, Tverberg leads us on a journey back in time to shed light on how this Middle Eastern people approached life, God, and each other. She explains age-old imagery that we often misinterpret, allowing us to approach God and the stories and teachings of Scripture with new eyes. By helping readers grasp the perspective of its original audience, she equips them to read the Bible in ways that will enrich their lives and deepen their understanding. *Jesus and Judas* Charles River Editors 2017-12-20 *Includes pictures* *Discusses various theories surrounding Judas's betrayal* *Includes excerpts from Scripture* *Includes a bibliography for further reading* The life story of Jesus of Nazareth, considered by billions of Christians to be the Messiah prophesized in the Old Testament of the Bible, is perhaps the most famous in history. Described in detail in the New Testament, Jesus comes from both divine yet humble roots, born in a manger to a young woman, but in time he leads a fervent following as tales of his miracles spread across the Holy Land. Some of the details are vividly depicted and instantly familiar. Jesus announces the imminent rule of God, the time when the true owner of this world will intervene decisively in Israel’s history to make right all the wrongs, once and for all. He leaves his footprints by the lakeside. He has no shoes, just like the multitude of dispossessed behind him; he doesn’t carry a money bag, not even a stick. He is followed not by the poor, since most of the people here live in poverty and resent in every way the invasive process of large-scale urbanization that the Roman Empire brought to Israel; he is instead followed by the dispossessed, the people who have nothing left, except their
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*Not a Fan* Kyle Idleman
2011-06-07 Pastor Kyle Idleman doesn’t just want to be a fan of Jesus, he wants to full heartedly commit to him and be a follower of Jesus. But how can you make the leap from fan to follower? In *Not a Fan* Idleman uses biblical examples to show how the people who met Jesus also had to decide if they were fans or followers, and what it meant for them to then become followers. Being a follower doesn’t mean that you go to church every week, that you slap a Jesus fish on the back of your car, and that you give to charity. That’s what a fan does. What a follower of Jesus does, Idleman observes, is die to themselves each and every moment of the day because “you can’t say yes to following Jesus unless you say no to living for yourself.” In this three part book Idleman helps you to discover whether you are a fan or a follower, how to recognize the invitation Jesus has given, and what following Jesus looks like in your daily life. With humor and real life examples to draw you closer to Jesus, Kyle Idleman compels each and every one of us to *Not Be A Fan*.

*Jesus Through Pagan Eyes* Rev. Mark Townsend 2012 For Pagans and Christians alike, *Jesus Through Pagan Eyes* offers a provocative portrait of Jesus—as a compassionate, life-affirming, nature-inspired spiritual teacher, freed from the
limiting ideology of the Church. Rev. Mark Townsend sets the stage by exploring the historical evidence of who Jesus was as a human being before delving into the realm of metaphor and mythology, the notion of Christ, and the Church's conception of Jesus as Christ. The heart of this unique book lies in the thoughtful and deeply moving collection of stories, essays, and interviews about Jesus from today's most respected Pagan, Wiccan, and Druidic leaders. Contributors such as Maxine Sanders, Christopher Penczak, Janet Farrar, Diana Paxson, Philip Carr-Gomm, Oberon Zell-Ravenheart, John Michael Greer, Selena Fox, and Raven Grimassi explore the historical figure of Jesus in relation to Witchcraft, the tarot, goddess worship, and shamanism—while illustrating how this god of the Christian church blesses and inspires those who embrace non-traditional spiritual paths. Whether you envision Jesus as an ascended master, a human teacher, or a mythic god-man, this remarkable book will introduce you to a Jesus who fits fully into the Pagan imagination. Praise: "Townsend uses Jesus to initiate dialogue, and he does so in way that is accepting and inclusive of many understandings and interpretations of Jesus, his purpose, and his relevance (or irrelevance) in the religious practices of contemporary Pagans." —Huffington Post

"This work admirably promotes understanding between belief systems that have a sometimes uneasy relationship."—Publishers Weekly

Seeing Jesus - A Disciple's Perspective
Andrew Bernhardt
2013-01-11
When Andrew first met Jesus, he ran home to bring his brother Simon to see him. Philip called Nathaneal, and the Samaritan woman invited the men of her town to come and see. These people were not content with a mere look — they were so excited they wanted others to see Jesus also. As a follower of Jesus, are you satisfied with just seeing him in the pages of scripture, or are you so captivated that you want others to see him also?
Maybe it’s been a while since you’ve had a good look at your Master. If so, the first part of this book, A Gospel Travelogue, will help you see Jesus with fresh eyes, and encourage you to keep looking on your own. Coming to Jesus is easy. People have been doing so ever since he walked the earth. But the call to follow Jesus is much more difficult. The second part, What It Means To Follow Jesus, explains what Jesus meant when he said, “If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” As you follow Jesus, you realize he wants us to see with his eyes. Look, Pray, Go is about the need to see people the way Jesus sees them. Only in this way will we have his love and compassion when serving others. The last part, Discipleship - Then and Now, compares the way we train disciples today with the way Jesus and his apostles trained disciples. There is much we can learn from the New Testament model. Breakfast with Jesus Greg Laurie 2003 A daily devotional encourages us to see Jesus through the eyes of his disciples in order to know Him better, challenging us with the main spiritual lessons Jesus entrusted to His followers, and inspiring us with the many promises that the Savior gave to those who choose to follow Him. New Testament Tools and Studies Bruce Manning Metzger 1962 Saviors Robert Wahler 2009-12-29 For nearly two thousand years a man called Jesus Christ has dominated the religious landscape of the Western World. Now, with the discovery of a corpus of ancient manuscripts from the desert sands of the Middle East and a fresh look at the New Testament Gospels, a new understanding of his rightful place in history and that of his remarkable family has emerged. In his own words, Jesus tells us his was a ministry limited in time and place to those who could see him and hear him, a ministry of personal non-sacrificial mystic salvation.
meant only for those alive when he was, the salvation of others being the responsibility of others like him. In words of undeniable clarity, Jesus indicates he wasn't alone in coming here as Savior. His cousin, John "the Baptist," and his brother, James "the Just," are shown to be Masters of the Highest Order, predecessor and successor, respectively, to Jesus. Amazingly, possible evidence for two more brothers of like stature is revealed. Newly discovered ancient manuscripts recovered from caves on the Dead Sea at Qumran and from the desert sands at Nag Hammadi near the Nile River lend an authority and authenticity unrivaled by even the Bible itself in support of this new view of "Messianism." The heart and soul of Christianity itself comes up for a full and honest examination when the self-proclaimed thirteenth apostle of Christ--Paul--is conclusively shown, almost unbelievably, by Jesus himself to be the perpetrator of the greatest fraud in the history of mankind: the false doctrine of universal sacrificial atonement through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. All this is aided and abetted by a centuries-long history of scribal and ecclesiastical corruption, both intentional and unintentional. It is time now for the world community to acknowledge this demonstrable certainty and harmonize the religious history of the Middle East with that of the Far East.

The Jesus Creed for Students

Scot McKnight

2011-05-01

FIRST came the bestselling book. Then the popular blog. Now essential Christian formation for anyone between 16 and 22. The gravity point of a life before God is that his followers are to love God and love others with everything they have. Scot McKnight calls this "The Jesus Creed." Now, he's worked it out with high school and college students, seeking to show how this double commandment to love makes sense and gives shape to the moral lives of young adults. The Jesus Creed for Students aims to demonstrate a simple truth - that followers of
Jesus, follow Jesus. (Also, its practical, filled with stories, and backed up and checked by youth pastors.)

My Heavenly Father's Eyes Lori J. Moss 2010-12 Inspiration for this book came from my mother's comments about my children's eyes. She often remarks, "your children have eyes just like Donald" (their Father). Stephanie, my oldest daughter, has lashes that are very long and silky, complementing her beautiful brown skin. Melanie, my middle child, has dark smooth brows that perfectly accent her stunning dark eyes. DJ, my handsome son has gorgeous eyes that seem as if they don't even belong on such a robust young man. While my children do have various traits of mine, it amazes me how they all have their father's eyes. As I pondered on this comment early one Thursday morning, this natural reality became a spiritual truth. I thought about the importance of having your father's eyes-your Heavenly Father's eyes. It is important to be able to look at people and situations and see them the way God sees them. We do not see them with our natural eyes but with hearts indwelled with the loving Spirit of Jesus Christ. Seeing them the way our Heavenly Father sees them is the only way to establish and to maintain loving relationships. Husbands with their Heavenly Father's eyes see their wives as a precious jewel; wives see their husbands as the spiritual leaders in the home. Parents see their children as special gifts from God. Children see their parents as people of honor. Family members see each other as spiritual support systems. Pastors see their members as precious souls. Congregations see their Pastors as leaders appointed by God. This study is designed to build relational bonds that are so strong in marriages, in our families and in our church families that Satan does not stand a chance at destroying them.

The Supernatural A. B. Simpson 2010-08-02 The Supernatural by A.B. Simpson is a book about the power of God in the life of
the believer. A. B. Simpson not only talked about it, but he wrote and preached about it too. In this book, The Supernatural, A.B. Simpson writes a prophetic warning that is just as relevant today as it was over a century ago. Christians must take a look at God and realize it is Christ who created the heavens and the earth, the universe and all that it contains with just single words. We as His followers must pen our eyes to that which is beyond us and to what His Presence has given us. We cannot contain Him in his infinite power and magnificent authority. A.B. Simpson points out that God never speaks at random but does so to the point and to the times. A B Simpson wants us to ask ourselves, if the power of God has been crowded out of your life? It is no coincidence! Satan wants us to distrust whatever we cannot see, hear, touch, taste, or smell. Let Simpson open your eyes to a world beyond the rational to a real presence that cannot be seen.

Jesus Followers Anne Graham Lotz 2021 "The daughter and granddaughter of Billy Graham offer a warm and inspiring glimpse into their family life, sharing stories that reveal spiritual wisdom and practical insight for raising the next generation of Jesus Followers"--

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus George R. Knight 2013-08-27 "How would you like to spend a year with Jesus? This devotional provides just that opportunity as it takes you step by step from His eternal past, through His earthly life and heavenly ministry, and into the eternal future that we will share with Him. George Knight’s Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus shows the true meaning of Christ’s life, not just as a story, but as inspiration for our everyday lives. Beholding Jesus in both His earthly and heavenly roles will change us into His likeness. What better thing can we do than to spend a year gazing upon our magnificent and gracious Lord?"

Jesus Opened My Eyes Marino Kintaro 2006-05

Eerdmans Commentary on the Bible James D. G. Dunn
No one familiar with the Bible needs to be told that it is a truly remarkable work. But it takes help to understand this ancient collection of diverse forms of literature written by different people across many centuries. The Eerdmans Commentary on the Bible (ECB) is the finest, most up-to-date single-volume Bible handbook now available. Written by world-class Bible scholars, the ECB encapsulates in nontechnical language the best of modern scholarship on the sixty-six biblical books plus the Apocrypha. The only one-volume Bible commentary to cover all the texts (even including 1 Enoch) regarded by one or more Christian churches as canonical, the ECB provides reader-friendly treatments and succinct summaries of each section of the text that will be valuable to scholars, students and general readers alike. The primary objective of this work is to clarify the meaning of each section of the Bible. Rather than attempting a verse-by-verse analysis (virtually impossible in a one-volume work), the ECB focuses on principal units of meaning -- narrative, parable, prophetic oracle, section of argument, and so on -- highlighting their interconnectedness with the rest of the biblical text. The volume also addresses and answers major issues -- including the range of possible interpretations -- and refers readers to the best fuller discussions. Beyond providing reliable, informative commentary, this hefty volume also includes thirteen introductory and context-setting articles that do justice to the biblical documents both as historical sources and as scriptures. The sixty-seven contributors to the ECB come from a wide variety of backgrounds and are acknowledged leaders in the field of biblical studies. Their contributions stand out either for their fresh interpretations of the evidence, or for their way of asking new questions of the text, or for their new angles of approach. While the translation of choice is the New Revised Standard Version, many of the
contributors offer their own vivid translations of the original Hebrew or Greek. Cutting-edge, comprehensive, and ecumenical, the ECB is both a fitting climax to the rich body of interconfessional work undertaken in the latter part of the twentieth century and a worthy launching pad for biblical study in the twenty-first. Special features of the ECB The only one-volume commentary to cover all the texts (including the Apocrypha and 1 Enoch) regarded as canonical Thirteen major essays that introduce each section of Scripture and its study Encapsulates in nontechnical language the best of modern scholarship Includes superb bibliographies and an extensive subject index Written by sixty-seven first-rate Bible scholars Designed for use by scholars, students, pastors, and general readers

In the Twinkling of an Eye
Sydney Watson 2013-05-01
Millions of people have simply disappeared, and the world’s in an uproar. In the twinkling of an eye, everything changes—because Jesus has returned for His people! If you enjoy end-times fiction, you’ll love this perspective on the rapture, as Sydney Watson’s classic novel of Christ’s return takes place in turn-of-the-twentieth-century London. What happens when thousands of Christians simply disappear? Why are some people taken while others remain?
Eyewitness Tom Hammond, a journalist, will find out. Fast-paced, exciting, and thought-provoking, this edition of In the Twinkling of an Eye has been lightly abridged and updated, and specially typeset for optimal reading.

What Did Jesus Look Like?
Joan E. Taylor 2018-02-08
Jesus Christ is arguably the most famous man who ever lived. His image adorns countless churches, icons, and paintings. He is the subject of millions of statues, sculptures, devotional objects and works of art. Everyone can conjure an image of Jesus: usually as a handsome, white man with flowing locks and pristine linen robes. But what did Jesus really
look like? Is our popular image of Jesus overly westernized and untrue to historical reality? This question continues to fascinate. Leading Christian Origins scholar Joan E. Taylor surveys the historical evidence, and the prevalent image of Jesus in art and culture, to suggest an entirely different vision of this most famous of men. He may even have had short hair.

*Journey with Jesus/god Calls His People to Service & Commitment Iv Tm' 2004 Ed.*

**Mark: Jesus Christ, Love in Action** Practical Christianity Foundation 2020-08-08 The Gospel of Mark was written about A.D. 57–59 by a Jewish disciple of the Christian faith, the same “John Mark” mentioned at least ten times in the New Testament. John was his Hebrew name, and Mark was his Gentile name. All of the early church fathers ascribe this gospel to a young man who was not one of the twelve apostles but was a disciple of Paul and later of Peter. He is often referred to as the interpreter of Peter’s teaching, and Peter apparently gave Mark his stamp of approval for the use of these teachings among the early churches.

*Desiring God* John Piper 1996 Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God."

**In Christ A New Creation** Phyllis Rohrbeck 2019-08-28 Few texts in the Bible can cause Christ's followers curiosity and sometimes confusion as the book of Revelation. The book begins with messages to the seven churches. Were these messages just intended for those early churches, or was there a deeper meaning that each of us should consider as applicable to our own spiritual walk? Jesus spoke these words to his followers: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but
whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come" (John 16:12""13, KJV). In this book, the author applies the messages to the seven churches to our lives and shows how each message reflects steps in our personal spiritual growth. We read in 2 Peter 3:18 (KJV): "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen." To grow in our walk with Christ should always be our goal. May you read this book prayerfully and ask the Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth, to reveal to you where you are on your spiritual journey and the steps you need to take to further your growth in grace.

Revelation 1999-01-01 The final book of the Bible, Revelation prophesies the ultimate judgement of mankind in a series of allegorical visions, grisly images and numerological predictions. According to these, empires will fall, the "Beast" will be destroyed and Christ will rule a new Jerusalem. With an introduction by Will Self. The Gospel Treasury, and Expository Harmony of the Four Evangelists 1868 The Spirituality of Following Jesus in John’s Gospel Sean Seongik Kim 2017-10-12 Research on "following Jesus" has mostly been done in terms of what Jesus' followers ought to do. In this unprecedented study, Kim presents "following Jesus" in John's Gospel through the perspective of what Jesus does for his followers. "Following Jesus" is a journey towards the place where Jesus leads his followers, that is, to a relationship with the Father. It is ultimately participating in the Son's communion with the Father. Jesus, who was in the bosom of the Father, descended from him and ascends to him, taking his followers with him, so that they may be with him where he is with the Father in glory and love. Kim develops this thesis by examining the term akolouthel ("to follow") and correlated motifs in John's Gospel.

Days with Jesus Part 1 Jim
Jackson 2012-03 How are you spending your days? Jesus is the most interesting man who ever lived. He is also the most misunderstood man who ever lived. His influence is unprecedented. Many people profess to be his followers, but how much do you really know about him? Whether you have never looked into the life of Jesus or have followed him for years, Days with Jesus can transform your perspective of him forever. In a groundbreaking combination of book and on-location videos shot in Israel, Jim Jackson takes readers through an immersive experience like no other. Read the words of Jesus. See the place where he said those words. Connect with Jesus in a new way. Watch the adventure begin in Bethlehem as Jesus is born and placed in a stone feeding trough. Walk to the Jordan River, where he is baptized by a locust-eating prophet. Go to the corner of the Temple, where Jesus is tempted to jump. See the place where Jesus cracks a whip and makes the religious leaders seethe with anger. Hear Jesus tell people to eat his flesh and drink his blood in Capernaum. Observe Jesus pardon the adulterous woman. In "Days with Jesus," we encounter the life of Jesus as told through his best friend, John: Jesus as the scandalous preacher; Jesus as the lover of people; Jesus as the miracle worker; Jesus as the hated rabbi. There is a lot to learn. There is much to behold. Get to know the man many know of but don't know much about. See more at "DaysWithJesus.com."

What Did Jesus Ask?
Elizabeth Dias 2015-10-27 In What Did Jesus Ask?, 65 of today's leading spiritual writers, thinkers, and artists offer modern meditations on the questions that Jesus posed in the Bible to teach his followers how to think like a Christian and consider their personal faith.

As a teacher, Jesus Christ put many of his lessons in the form of questions. The gospels record more than 300 of them. Some are rhetorical, needing no
answer, but most were real questions posed to real people. Many of Jesus' questions are familiar to readers today, yet the context and the potential interpretations of such phrases will offer enlightenment to many. Organized by Biblical verse, these 65 enigmatic questions include:

"You of little faith, why did you doubt?" - Matthew 14:31

"Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear?" - Mark 8:18

And now, What Did Jesus Ask? poses those questions to many of today's prominent religious figures, scholars and thought leaders to contemplate and interpret. Contributors include bestselling singer/songwriters Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith, Christian leaders Barbara Taylor and Cardinal Wuerl of Washington, and bestselling authors James Martin and Sarah Young, and many more. Including a foreword by Nancy Gibbs, managing editor of TIME magazine, What Did Jesus Ask? is a thought-provoking volume for both readers interested in religious thought and understanding the teachings of Jesus better.

Hermeneutics as a Theory of Understanding Petr Pokorn 2011 Walk with Peter Pkorny in and around his beloved field of hermeneutics as he explores a number of basic issues in understanding-from language in general to the interpretation of the Bible in particular. Pokorny first addresses the world of language, showing the importance of understanding language thoroughly in terms of its vocabulary, syntax, and pragmatities, while keeping a keen eye open for metaphor and myth. Next he focuses on text, examining its graphic character, its misuse, and its silence-its frustrating inability to answer questions posed to it. The third stop on Pokorny's tour-methods of interpretation-looks at translation, rhetorical criticism, and historical methodologies of interpretation. Here he argues
not only that the encounter between texts and readers is rife with problems in communication but also that these impediments can be overcome by returning again and again to the text until it makes clear its relevance to the present. In the final segment of his wide-ranging hermeneutical journey, Pokorny examines the nature of interpretation itself, celebrating especially its capacity to bridge the gap—or even the abyss—that divides the world of the text and the lived world of the reader, creating a dialogue between the two that can overcome the silence of the written word.

**Around the Table** R. Scott Hurd

2016-11-07 Award-winning author R. Scott Hurd employs the unique and imaginative stories of fourteen biblical characters who were close to Jesus—including Thomas, Barnabas, and Mary Magdalene—in order to help you know Christ better and to contemplate the mystery present in the Eucharist. The scriptures are filled with familiar and not-so-familiar references to the Eucharist—including the narratives of the Last Supper, Jesus calling himself the Bread of Life, and the accounts of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. In *Around the Table*, you will begin to better understand the mysteries of the Eucharist in a deeper way through the eyes of Thomas, who was with Jesus as he raised the widow’s son at Nain and Lazarus at Bethany. You will explore the Eucharist as a foretaste of heaven alongside Bartholomew in the upper room and the precious gift of forgiveness that the Eucharist brings with Matthew as he first meets Jesus at Capernaum. You will find courage to share the Good News in the powerful story of Mary Magdalene’s crushing sorrow and exuberant joy at the death and resurrection of Jesus.

R. Scott Hurd, senior director for leadership formation at Catholic Charities USA, helps you discover the meaning of the sacrament through the help of stories about those who accompanied Jesus during his time on Earth. In each chapter,
you’ll take the place of a specific friend, follower, or family member of Jesus in order to know him better, contemplate scripture, and deepen your understanding of the Eucharistic mystery we celebrate today. In addition to these scripture-inspired stories, Hurd provides you with tools to guide your reading: A biographical sketch of each biblical character Questions for journaling, contemplation, or conversation Scripture citations for reference and further reading A prayer to close each chapter Hurd incorporates the tradition of the Church and his own lifelong fascination with the Eucharist to help you come to a richer understanding and deeper gratitude for this tremendous gift by which we are healed, strengthened, renewed, and challenged to become the loving persons God has created us to be.  

Fixing My Eyes on Jesus  
Anne Graham Lotz 2018-10-30 Fixing My Eyes on Jesus is a 365-day devotional that will encourage, uplift, renew, and challenge you on your spiritual walk. Trusted Bible teacher, bestselling author, and CEO of AnGel Ministries Anne Graham Lotz understands how easy it is to lose focus on Jesus and stray off course. The daily devotional is perfect for new believers as well as those more seasoned in the faith. Ann Graham Lotz’s Fixing My Eyes on Jesus is the spiritual nourishment you crave. This devotional is perfect: For anyone looking for insightful readings to complement their prayers For gifting or personal use If you want a clear and practical devotional to read every day Looking Unto Jesus  
Isaac Ambrose 1758  
25 Life-Changing Questions from the Gospels  
Allan F. Wright 2016-12-05 There's nothing quite like a pointed question to elicit an honest answer. Jesus used questions throughout his ministry, not to find out something he didn't know, but to probe into people's deepest, most unsettled spaces. Biblical scholar and retreat leader Allan F. Wright organizes twenty-five questions Jesus asked into five
spiritual stages that will lead you on the road to discipleship. In the gospels, Jesus frequently asked his followers and enemies tough questions like "Why are you anxious?" "Do you believe this?" and "Why do you doubt?" In 25 Life-Changing Questions from the Gospels, you will see that you are no different from those Jesus questioned—a grieving sister, a fearful friend, an incessant doubter. And you'll learn that his questions—and the issues that they raise—are just as relevant and life-changing to Catholics today as they were to Jesus' first followers. Educator and author Allan F. Wright will lead you through five stages of spiritual development—from spiritual seeker to faithful disciple of Christ—so that you can become better able to embrace and share the life-giving power Jesus offers. You will come away recognizing Jesus for the wise teacher that he was and as the God who loves you still.

Witnessing An Incredible Hidden Treasure Rosa Pearl Johnson 2012-03-27

God’s last word in human affairs is not about the Cross, but about the Resurrection. Jesus is the resurrection and the life no man comes to the Father but by Him. He tells us to "go". "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and low, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world". (Matthew 28:18-20). Evangelism involves communicating the good news of salvation through relationships. It will require a strong effort on your part to witness to the lost. Christ must be highly demonstrated in love, compassion, and adoration. You must develop sensitivity to the spiritual condition of people. President Obama alluded to empathy, looking at others through your eyes, or walking in others footsteps. I encourage compassion, looking at others through the eyes of Jesus. This book will inform, empower,
inspire, and instructed you in the right way. It gives examples of building spiritual relationships with believers, nonbelievers, neighbors, unknown, business associates, asking God for wisdom of their needs and understanding, and attitudes. From Genesis to Revelation God raised up inspirers, demonstrator, prophets and prophetess, those that had a godly heart to rescue the lost, and to recapture His people. He used men and women for instruments of His love. Those who would endure hardness as a good solder of Jesus Christ. God always takes the initiative to come to His people. Without Him we would all go our own way, and lack understanding. For there is a way that seems right unto men but it is the way of destruction. This book makes it clear that it is not about defeat, but all about Victory. Therefore, our responsibility as His children is to convince the world through witnessing that the best is yet to come. Luke 12:48 says, “But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required, and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more”. Isaiah 11:9 says, “For the earth shall be full of knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea”. Our hope for a non-violent world is by spreading the message of God’s love, forgiveness, and prosperity. The true knowledge of God, Jesus His Son, and why the Holy Spirit was sent is conveyed by our true witness. This is why witnessing is so incredible, and a hidden treasure. It is the Spirit working. And we know very little about the Holy Spirit and His works. It is like a wind! In according to Isaiah Chapter One; “The ox knows his owner, the ass his master’s crib, but my people do not know me, says the Lord”. This is a hard saying, but if God said it, it is true and appropriate. Now when a hard saying is given it is to convince the hearers of their status and merit with God. You can neglect or ignore many
things, but not God’s word. It is a mandate for living. The Lord requires that we live justly and glorify Him as the Lord God Almighty. The above scripture was given to the children of God for a warning. It was given for conviction of sin, directions, and duty, and for consolation in trouble and danger of being lost. It was given to scare them straight. God’s word is given to build and plant, or pluck up and pull down for a change in heart. Everything that proceeds out of the mouth of God is for our benefit, because it will come to pass exactly as it was foretold, sooner or later. In this prophesy everything looks bad, very bad, with Judah and Jerusalem. The prophet Isaiah is speaking for God, he is blowing God’s triumph, reminding the people what bad shape they were in. Isaiah in speaking for God calls the people of God “stupid” senseless people. You have had plenty of time to get it right, I have feed, clothe, and kept y

The Good Things Jesus Does For Us, To Us, And Through Us When We Follow Him
Michael Kotch 2019-01-10

Some Christians have not read much of the Bible and therefore are unaware of the information in it given to us by God. I have met many people who believe the Bible is just a book of rules or laws to be followed and a list of the punishments for those who do not follow them. This is the furthest thing from the truth. The Bible is actually full of information about the wonderful things God will do for those who love and follow Jesus. This book is a collection of statements in the New Testament that specifically reveal the good things Jesus will do for those that love and follow him. The good things that Jesus will do for his followers are divided into three sections in this book. First, Jesus does many good things for the people that follow him. An example of this is Jesus will remove and eliminate the sins of his followers. This both makes them righteous before the eyes of God, and it allows them to enter heaven when they die. God also answers their prayers and gives them help in their daily lives. Next, Jesus
does good things to his followers. While they are still on earth, the Holy Spirit enters them and their soul comes alive, a term called "born again." The Holy Spirit living inside a follower of Jesus progressively transforms that person into acting like Jesus if that is what that person wants in his or her life. Additionally, the Holy Spirit gives that person strength, wisdom, and guidance to do God's will on earth. Once a follower of Jesus dies and goes to heaven, the remaining transformation of that person is spectacular. We are transformed into something equivalent to, yet different from, the angels. In heaven, we will be adopted children of God the Father and actual brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. We will receive all of the benefits of being an immediate family member of God's family. Finally, there are good things God does through people that love and follow Jesus. While on earth, we are God's children, conducting work in his family business as his personal ambassadors to the rest of the world. With our cooperation, the Holy Spirit inside us uses us as instruments to do his will in positively impacting and helping the rest of his children on earth. As you will see, God in the Bible promises wonderful things for those that love and follow him.

Evidence for the Resurrection

Josh McDowell
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When Jesus died on the cross, it seemed that all had been lost. Death had won. But after three days in a rich man's tomb, Jesus appeared...alive! The news was so shocking that his followers refused to believe it until they saw him with their own eyes and touched his wounds with their own hands. Then Jesus made an amazing claim: In the future, they too would have resurrected bodies like his, bodies that would never deteriorate, age, or perish. They would have new life without death or pain in the presence of a loving God forever. But can we really believe His promise? For that matter, can we really believe that the promise was made by
a man who rose from the dead? In this fascinating look at the claims of the Gospel writers and 2,000 years of believing Christians, bestselling author Josh McDowell and his son Sean examine the compelling evidence and conclude that Jesus Christ conquered death and the grave. In clear, concise, and accessible chapters, Josh and Sean present the facts about the resurrection and what it means for readers today.